**Transmission of Gas from Hazira to Utran**

4512. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2986 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th August, 1992 and state:

(a) what is Government's response to the offers of the Gujarat Government and Gujarat Electricity Board that they are prepared to bear expenses for the transmission of gas from Hazira to Utran at their own cost and their commitment that on availability of gas from the Gandhar Hazira transmitted gas would be discontinued by themselves; and

(b) whether it is a fact that 200M.W. gas-based power plant ot Utran is laying idledue to non-availability of gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The offer has not been fund feasible, as the gas from the Hazira Gas Terminal is already committed to various consumers ex-Hazira and along the HBJ pipeline.

(b) An Action Plan has been prepared to expedite supplies to the second unit of the Uttaran power station. However, this is subject to GEB signing the Gas Supply Contract, and clearing the arrears due to ONGC/GAIL.

**पेट्रोल पम्प खोलने को अनुमति प्रदान करना**

4513. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1 जुलाई, 1991 से 30 जून, 1992 तक की अवधि के दौरान राज्य वार कितने-कितने पेट्रोल पम्प खोलने की अनुमति दी गई?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द): 1 जुलाई, 1991 से 30 जून 1992 तक सरकार ने अपने विवेकाधिकार से 19 खुदरा बिक्री केन्द्र आवंटित किए। चूंकि सरकार द्वारा अनुकंपा आधार पर स्व-विवेक से आवंटन किए जाते हैं, इसलिए राज्य-वार आवंटन का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Supply of L.P.G. Cylinders**

4514. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that due to short supply of L.P.G. cylinders, many consumers are not getting LPG refills in time;

(b) what is the demand and supply position of LPG cylinders, State-wise, at present; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the supply of LPG cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The installed cylinder manufacturing capacity outnumbers the demand of LPG cylinders.

**Panel of Experts on Oil Exploration**

4515. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panel of experts on oil exploration has recently submitted its recommendation for boosting crude exploration and production and reducing imports and forex expenditure;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B.